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MAYOR TO PROCLAIM BOB GRAY DAY MONDAY

(KILLEEN, TEXAS): Mayor Scott Cosper will proclaim Bob Gray Day Monday at a ceremony at Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

The mayor will present a proclamation and unveil a bronze replica of the congressional gold medal awarded to the Doolittle Raiders last year. Members of Gray's family will also participate in the ceremony.

Bob Gray was a native of Killeen who flew in the famous Doolittle Raid over Tokyo at the start of World War II. He was successful in the mission but died six months later in the China-Burma Campaign.

R.T. Polk, Killeen's 18th mayor serving from 1935 to 1943, first proclaimed Bob Gray Day in memory of the local hero. Mayor Polk ordered that for the duration of time, "flags will fly from every socket and flag pole in the community, and the day will be set aside permanently as the memorial to a brave heart that winged its way into the very vitals of enemy territory and destroyed military objectives that were calculated to bring harm and destruction to our great country." Mayor Cosper will continue this tradition Monday.

Gray's legacy lives on today in downtown Killeen with Gray Street, at Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport with a historic display and bronze statue and on Fort Hood at Robert Gray Army Airfield.

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